

In re: Patent Application of YOKOI et al  
Serial No. 09/680,514

**REMARKS**

Reconsideration is requested.

Claims 10-18 are pending.

The claims have been amended to advance prosecution, without prejudice.

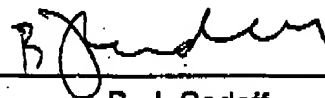
Claim 11 has rewritten in independent form, for further clarity.

The undersigned believes the Examiner indicated during a teleconference on March 20, 2003, that the above amendment could be entered prior to issuance of a further Action. The Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned in the event anything further is required.

Respectfully submitted,

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